

# TEAQUILTS - The Queen of Scraps

## 2020 Swap Block

Directions by Kevin The Quilter - [www.blogspot.kevinthequilter.com](http://www.blogspot.kevinthequilter.com)



Completed block.  
Instructions under each photo.



Start with a 2.5"x3.5" rectangle of white Kona Cotton or good white muslin. **NO WHITE ON WHITE PRINTS!** Your blocks will be returned unswapped.

You can choose to place your name, city, and state before you start piecing your blocks or after, but, make sure you pay attention to the 1/4" seam that will be taken up when you start piecing.

More about appropriate markers to use on the blocks is included on page 4.



Use bright and cheery scraps to surround the rectangle. You can surround it in any way you would like. Have fun with it.



For simplicity, I went ahead and signed my center after I made the first 2 seams. This is the orientation we want our names to be on the blocks. The 3.5" side is horizontal.



Feel free to make wonky cuts as you sew. Just make sure the cuts are straight cuts so your block will lay nice and flat. In other words, no curved seams.



I love being able to use scraps up like this from who knows what? Make sure to save those scraps in the corner so you can piece them into other swap blocks and use it all up!



Side seams sewn.



Trimming off the excess.



And, now, sew to whatever side you wish. I chose the top and bottom.

*Sign-up deadline:*  
*December 31, 2019*



This gave me at least 10.5" in height so I knew I was good to go on this side. Trim to 10.5".



The center is finished and trimmed to 10.5" square.



The center section is trimmed to 10.5". Now, to add more to the sides. Notice on the right side, I pieced 2 pieces of fabric together. This will add interest and more color.



Adding the black border. Use black tone on tone or solid black. This will help the center pop! Cut 2.5" strips of black. The sides will be cut 2.5"x10.5" rectangles; need 2.



Sides have been added, now add top and bottom. These are cut 2.5"x14.5" rectangles; need 2.



Here is our finished swap block. Use your imagination and be creative with your piecing. **And, most of all, HAVE FUN!** Unfinished block is 14.5"x14.5".

### Guidelines for adding your signature.

Please only use appropriate **BLACK** fabric marking pen. **DO NOT** use Sharpie or heat sensitive pens as some of them can disappear with repeated washings.

My all time favorite fabric marking pen is Sakura Micron size 05. I have reviews of fabric marking pens on my YouTube channel for Tulip Markers and Arteza. You can check those out if need be.

If you have a tried and approved fabric pen, please use it.

In addition, if you want to embroider your information, please use **BLACK** thread.

### BLOCK SWAP RULES

1. Good quality quilting cottons. White fabric for signature should be Kona Cotton white or good quality muslin. No tone on tone prints.

2. Do not use fabrics with black in the center section. Only use a black solid or tone on tone fabric for the border.
3. Make sure you use an appropriate black fabric marking pen or black embroidery thread only for your name, city and state.
4. You will make \_\_\_\_\_ blocks (actual number to be provided when sign up is completed) that you will mail **by deadline, May 31, 2020**. You are making a block for everyone that signs up.

5. Mail your completed blocks to:  
Teajuana Mahone  
11001 Dunklin Dr. #38205  
St. Louis, MO 63138

6. Prior to closing your envelope, make sure to include a self-address envelope with return postage. Staff at your post office can assist you with this. **Priority Envelope Recommended**

In addition, please include on a plain piece of paper:

- A. Your name
- B. Your complete mailing address
- C. Your e-mail address
- D. Total number of swap blocks in your package.

If you will attend the Teaquilts 2020 Retreat and you are participating in this swap, no need to enclose the envelope. You will receive your blocks at retreat.

After the deadline, Kevin and I will count and sort the blocks. Each participant will receive equal number of blocks forwarded, swapping one of your blocks with each participant.

9. If you are not attending retreat, your return blocks will be posted no later than June 30, 2020.